Consolidation of Labour Laws

4534. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to consolidate all laws relating to labour considering that those are outdated;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Conference Committee on"Strengthening of Labour Laws and its effective implementation to prevent violations" of the 41st Session of Indian Labour Conference held on 27-28th April, 2007, *inter-alia* recommended that "there is a need for consolidation of labour laws which would help in their effective implementation". However, the Government has not taken any decision in this regard.

NCLP

4535. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many children under the Child Labour Act, were withdrawn from work from 2004—2006 and put in special schools, since implementation of the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme from 1988;

(b) how many children in these special schools were able to join main stream educational system; and

(c) what are the details of rehabilitation of children under these project since 2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Government is implementing the scheme of National Child Labour Project (NCLP) since 1988. Under the scheme, children withdrawn from work are put into special schools where they are provided with education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and healthcare facilities etc. These children are kept in the special

schools for a period of maximum three years to prepare them to join the regular education system. At present, approximately 3.30 lakh children withdrawn from work are enrolled in the special schools under the NCLP Scheme. So far, under the scheme, 3.92 lakh children have already been mainstreamed into formal education system. Out of this, 1.36 lakh children have been mainstreamed between the years 2003-04 to 2005-06.

ESI hospitals in Bihar and Maharashtra

4536. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Bihar and Maharashtra have requested for setting up of more ESI hospitals under ESI Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Schools for child labourers in Bihar and Maharashtra

4537. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to open schools for child labourers in Bihar and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the districts where these schools have been opened/ will be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government has sanctioned projects for running Special Schools under the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme, in 24 districts in Bihar and 13 districts in Maharashtra State for the rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work. Government has also sanctioned Special schools in five districts of Maharashtra State under the Indo-US (INDUS) Child Labour